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C L A I M S

1. A device to be fitted on a vehicle wheel (1) of a predetermined size in order to increase the friction between the wheel and the road surface during winter conditions, comprising a belt (2) made substantially from textile material and intended to encircle the tread (4) of the wheel (1) and be held in place by means of flexible inner and outer side portions (5, 8) which, at least on the inner side of the wheel, is tightened by means of an elastic member (7), <sup>and</sup> characterized in that the internal circumference of the belt (2) is at least 4% larger than the largest circumference ~~of~~ of the wheel (1).

2. A device according to claim 1, <sup>wherein</sup> ~~characterized in that~~ the internal circumference of the belt (3) is 4-10%, preferably 5-6% larger than the largest circumference of the wheel.

3. A device according to <sup>claim 1</sup> ~~one of the preceding claims~~, <sup>wherein</sup> ~~characterized in that~~ the outer side portion (8) is designed so as to prevent it from jumping over the wheel (1) to the inside thereof.

4. A device according to <sup>claim 1</sup> ~~one of the preceding claims~~, <sup>wherein</sup> ~~characterized in that~~ the outer side portion (8) is designed to cover substantially the outer side of the wheel (1) and that it preferably is made of a netting material preferably comprising a PVC coated 1100 dtex polyester multifilament material and having a netting opening of 2-7 mm, preferably about 4 mm.

6. A device according to claim 3, <sup>wherein</sup> ~~characterized in that~~ the outer side portion (8) has at least one opening, the largest circumference (10) of <sup>said</sup> ~~such an~~ opening being less than 2.2 times the largest diameter of the wheel (1).

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<sup>claim 1</sup>  
~~76.~~ A device according to one of the preceding claims,  
<sup>wherein</sup> characterized in that the outer side portion (8) is provided  
 with radially extending straps (9).

<sup>claim 1</sup>  
 5 ~~87.~~ A device according to one of the preceding claims,  
<sup>wherein said</sup> characterized in that the elastic member (7) comprises a  
 rubber-elastic material which is covered by spinning about  
 it, or is spun, woven or knitted together with, a substan-  
 10 tially inelastic thread material, said thread material  
 limiting the extensibility of <sup>said</sup> the elastic member (7).

<sup>claim 1</sup>  
~~98.~~ A device according to one of the preceding claims,  
<sup>wherein said</sup> characterized in that the belt (3) consists mostly of a  
 textile material, preferably a woven polyamide.

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<sup>9</sup>  
~~119.~~ A device according to claim 8, <sup>wherein</sup>  
~~characterized in that the belt (3) comprises two layers of~~  
~~textile material, which, preferably on one side,~~ <sup>of which</sup> ~~is coated~~  
~~with a suitable plastic, e.g. polyurethane rubber, the two~~  
 20 ~~layers being arranged so that the plastic coatings contact~~  
~~one another.~~

<sup>claim 1</sup>  
~~1210.~~ A device according to any one of claims 1-7,  
<sup>wherein</sup> characterized in that the belt (3) is of a multilayer  
 25 construction, the outer surface comprising polyester multi-  
 filament yarn oriented crosswise to the circumferential  
 direction of the belt (3), and ~~preferably having a fineness~~  
~~of about 1100 dtex, the layer construction pattern~~  
 preferably being 4-shed broken twill.

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<sup>of the belt</sup>  
<sup>119</sup>  
~~1411.~~ A device according to claim 8, <sup>wherein</sup> the inner layer of the  
<sup>multilayer construction is a different color than</sup>  
~~characterized in that the multilayer construction has an~~  
~~inner layer of a colour different from that of an~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~outer~~  
~~layer, and preferably being made of a polyester or polyamide~~  
 35 ~~multifilament material.~~

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~~1612.~~ A device according to claim 11,